

REMARKS

Claims 1-46 are pending in the application. In the Office Action at hand, Claims 24-46 are withdrawn from consideration, Claims 10-23 are allowed, Claims 1-3 and 6-9 are rejected, and Claims 4 and 5 are objected to. The Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of Claims 10-23.

Claims 4 and 5 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but are allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In the previous Office Action of April 2, 2008, Claims 4 and 5 were also indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of dependent Claims 2-4 in the manner previously indicated allowable in the April 2, 2008 Office Action, and Claim 5 has also been amended to include the limitations of Claims 1-3 in the manner previously indicated allowable in the April 2, 2008 Office Action. The Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of Claims 1 and 5, as amended. In addition, Claims 6-9 are dependent upon Claim 1, as amended, and therefore are also in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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